

Thursday's Thoughts Thursday, February 23, 2022

Good evening Highland High School families I hope that this finds you well, warm, and safe, this is Mr. Zack and here are your Thursday's Thoughts for February 23, 2022. There are 6 items of interest to follow. If you miss any part of the message, please visit the Highland High School webpage on our Live Feed where there is a link to view this in its entirety as well as a link having been emailed to your primary email account.

1. eLearning day for High School only on Wednesday, March 1st! 9, 10, and 12th grades will be participating in an asynchronous eLearning day while 11th grade is SAT testing...

Attention Parents of Juniors!

SAT Day is next Wednesday, March 1st.

One Week to March 1st: Notable Details Include...

- What To Bring: A fully charged iPad (most important), pencils and erasers for scratch work, the calculator that they typically use for math class, and snacks to eat during breaks.
- Late arrivals are not permitted per College Board policy. Please make every effort to have your student on time on March 1st at 7:30 am.
- Feel free to reference the Student FAQ Document that we have created for our Juniors. This will be updated in real time as adjustments are made and questions are asked.

This is a required test for all juniors, regardless of their post-secondary plans. Their score does NOT impact their ability to graduate; however, school-wide participation does affect our overall school grade.

This is a college-reportable score.

On Monday, February 27th, students will participate in a Pre-Administration session where they will complete a brief questionnaire, select their optional four colleges to receive scores, and choose to opt into College Board's Student Search Service. *While it is optional, we always encourage students to opt in Student Search Service as it is a reputable connection to colleges, scholarships, and recognition programs.*

If your student would like to practice in advance, they are encouraged to visit: <https://www.khanacademy.org/sat>.

Bus service to and from school for normal bus riders will be provided, with the exception of students testing with accommodations. Students testing with accommodations will need to secure their own transportation home. Standard time testing is expected to conclude on/about 12:00 pm.

Thank you for your efforts to help make this day a success!

2. Is your student interested in attending the Hammond Area Career Center next year? This is a reminder that the 2023-2024 ACC Online application will close on Friday, March 17, 2023. There are TWO parts to the ACC application: An online [Google Form](#) and a [Parent Permission Form](#). Program choices can be found on the [Hammond ACC website](#). Please feel free to email your student's counselor with any questions.
3. Kindergarten registration information is included in the print version of Thursday Thoughts, please check it out if you or someone you know has a child preparing to enter Kindergarten.
4. It might be cold outside but Spring is right around the corner and so is the Highland Bands Spring Craft & Vendor Fair! Showcasing a variety of crafters, vendors, and artists who are ready to help with those Easter, Mother's Day, or Graduation gifts.

Come see us on March 4th between 9am-4pm at the Highland Middle School and support local small businesses and help raise funds for our Band programs. Oh, and don't forget about the bake sale, raffles, and Food Truck too!

Then just one week later, the STOH Music Department will be hosting the 5th annual Mattress Sale - on Saturday, March 11. Please mark both dates on your calendar and see the fliers attached to this email.

5. A link to the referendum page has been added to the School Town of Highland main page (not the Highland High School page). You will find the plan, an FAQ, a calculator, and clear financial information on STOH with regards to finances.

This is a question that will be going to the taxpayers in the community on the May ballot. Information on the reason why this action is being taken can be found on the STOH Website under the button labeled "Baker Tilley Financial Study Presentation" and a recording of the presentation along with questions asked and answered at the meeting can be found on the School Town of Highland Board Meetings Facebook Page.

Should you have any questions, please feel free to ask. If you are not already registered to vote, please see the attached QR code or webaddress so that you can quickly and easily register to do so.

6. If any parents are interested in a part time cafeteria position at Highland High school. The hours are Monday-Friday 10-2, with nights, weekends and holidays off. We are looking for a reliable, hard working team player to join our awesome lunch crew! If interested, please go to the Highland website and apply online.

That concludes our Thursday's Thoughts, thanks for listening, be safe, be well.



SCHOOL TOWN OF HIGHLAND

Educating Today's Students for Tomorrow's Challenges

School Town of Highland Kindergarten Registration Process

The public elementary schools in Highland will be holding their Kindergarten registration in two phases: Phase 1 is on-line and opens February 27, at 8 am. Phase 2 dates are listed below.

AGE REQUIREMENTS: Must be 5 years of age on or before August 1, 2023.

ITEMS NEEDED FOR REGISTRATION:

1. Five proofs of residency
 - **Two of the following:** NIPSCO, Water, Phone, Cable (utility bills/deposit receipts)
 - **Two of the following:** Driver's License/State ID (showing current address), vehicle registration, Recent paycheck/unemployment check receipt
 - **One of the following:** Lease & rent receipt, Mortgage & homeowners insurance documents, Notarized letter with 3 proofs of residency from the homeowner (parent/guardian must provide ID listed above)
 2. Proof of custody (**divorce, custody papers if applicable**)
 3. Birth certificate
 4. Social Security Number
 5. Current immunization records (Name and phone number of Pediatrician)
- *Please provide copies of IEPs if applicable.

Parents need to bring their children and the above items to their neighborhood elementary school according to the schedule below.

All registrations will be held from 2:30 pm to 5:30 pm on the dates listed.

Wednesday, March 15, 2023	Merkley Elementary School 9340 Fifth Street 922-5640
Tuesday, March 21, 2023	Southridge Elementary School 9221 Johnston Street 922-5650
Thursday, March 23, 2023	Johnston Elementary School 8220 Fifth Street 923-2428
Tuesday, April 4, 2023	Warren Elementary School 2901 100th Street 922-5660



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YOUR VOTE IS YOUR VOICE



PARTICIPATE

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MATTER

YOU MATTER TO YOUR COMMUNITY



VOTE

LIKE YOUR FUTURE DEPENDS ON IT!

REGISTER TO VOTE!

How?

Go Here: www.indianavoters.in.gov OR Scan this:



CTE Enrollment Confirmation

☐ IEP/ILP/504 ☐ +5 absences ☐ Suspension

All students planning to enroll in CTE classes at the ACC MUST complete the online enrollment form.

Contents of this enrollment form are considered confidential - (U.S. P.L. 105-332), Indiana P.L. 217, Acts of 1987, and Indiana P.L. 105, Acts of 1994.

Thank you for submitting an online application. Please complete and return this form to your counselor as soon as possible to finalize enrollment. **All signatures are required.**

NAME _____ Requested CTE Program _____
Last First Middle Initial

Student Social Security # _____ - _____ - _____ Sending School _____
(Required for State and Federal CTE Reporting)

Student Purpose Statement: IF accepted into an ACC program, I will maintain excellent **attendance**, rise to the level of my **teacher's expectations**, maintain **professionalism** in all my behaviors, and treat this opportunity with the **respect** it deserves.

Parent Declarations (Please check each box indicating your agreement)

- ☐ I give permission for my child to **attend a half-day** CTE program at the ACC during the next school year.
- ☐ I give permission for the ACC and my child's homeschool to **exchange all educational records** relating to my child.
- ☐ I give permission for my **child's image to be used** in promotional materials/postings about the ACC.
- ☐ I give permission for my child to **attend all field trips** associated with an ACC program.
- ☐ I acknowledge that all ACC programs require a **yearlong commitment**.
- ☐ I commit to **paying all ACC program fees** before the start of school.



Parent Signature

Date _____

=====COUNSELOR SECTION=====

Student STN Number _____ GPA _____
*HS Transcript Required

Will this student require CTE Concentrator status to graduate? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Does this student have an IEP or 504 Plan? ☐ Yes ☐ No TOR Signature _____
If YES - TOR MUST provide a copy AND sign this document. Applications will not be processed without this.

Does this student have more than 5 absences? ☐ Yes ☐ No *If Yes - provide documentation

Has this student been suspended? ☐ Yes ☐ No *If Yes - provide documentation

COUNSELOR Recommendation I recommend this student for entry into the identified CTE program at the ACC. Their career goals are aligned with their CTE program selection and I have confidence this student will be successful in this program.



Counselor Signature

Date _____

Highland Bands

2023

Spring Craft & Vendor Fair



Fundraising Event for Highland Bands



March 4, 2023

9am - 4pm



If you would like to make a
donation to support our
Highland Bands,
please email us at:

highlandbandindianacraftfair@gmail.com

Highland Middle School * 2941 41st Street, Highland, Indiana



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10 AM TO 5 PM

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chris.paulk@cfsbeds.com

For more info: Text STOH to 219-280-2233 for info

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HIGHLAND EDUCATION FOUNDATION

- FEBRUARY 25TH - LINCOLN CENTER
- DOORS OPEN AT 6:00, TRIVIA STARTS AT 7:00
- \$280 PER TABLE OF 8 PEOPLE
- RSVP TO HEFDNEVENTS@GMAIL.COM

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2023 REGISTRATION

Highland Girls Softball

\$125

12 Game Season starting in May
Most games played Mon-Thurs at Meadows Park in Highland
Along with away games played against neighboring towns

Online Registration opens January 1, 2023
Online Registration Discount of \$5 Pay \$120 Thru January 31st
www.HighlandGirlsSoftball.org

In Person registration held at the Lincoln Center - 2450 Lincoln St Highland, IN 46322

Saturday, January 14th 10am to 2pm Rm 115

Saturday, February 18th 10am to 2pm Rm 109

Final Registration: Wednesday, March 1st 6pm to 8pm Rm 109

Follow us on Facebook for important info; clinics, pictures, etc.

FB: Highland Girls Softball

Great way for girls to make new friends, have some fun, and play ball!
Opening Day, End of Season Tournament, & End of Season Party

2023 Board Members

President:	Dave Rivera	219-746-3341
1st VP:	Tim Liclarrdone	708-774-5784
2nd VP:	Dennis DiSanto	219-898-1342
Secretary:	Christina Castillo	219-313-6919
Treasurer:	Brian Beanblossom	219-713-3776

Age Divisions

Based on child's age on Jan 1, 2023

8u	5 to 8
10u	9 to 10
12u	11 to 12
14u	13 to 14
18u	15 to 18

League recommends face masks for players in these divisions

STOH Guidelines for Positive Students

1. Isolate for 5 days.
2. May return to school on day 6.
3. Students/staff are required to wear a mask at all times on days 6-10.
4. Students/staff are required to sit in an area separate from the lunch room for days 6-10.

Sick/Ill Students Being Sent Home from School/Called Off of School

1. Negative COVID tests are no longer required for re-entry to school.
2. All students/staff that call off ill must be out for 24 hours. They may return once they are fever or symptom free for 24 hours without the use of fever reducers.
3. Please see student handbook for which illnesses require doctor's notes for return.

COVID-19 Symptoms:

- Fever or chills
- Cough
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- Fatigue
- Muscle or body aches
- Headache
- New loss of taste or smell
- Sore throat
- Congestion or runny nose
- Nausea or vomiting
- Diarrhea